

REMARKS

Examiner Hadi Shakeri has objected to the disclosure, asserting that on page 3, line 1 and page 6, line 1, “pivotally” should be deleted.

The applicant has amended page 3 as required by the Examiner. The applicant has not found the term “pivotally” on page 6, line 1. However, the applicant has found the term “pivotally” on page 6, line 3. Therefore, the applicant has removed the term “pivotally” from page 6, line 3.

The Examiner has objected to claims 1-3, asserting that in line 16 of claim 17, “and has two parallel sides;” should be changed to –and each has two parallel sides;--

The applicant is willing to amend claims 1-3 as required by the Examiner. The applicant cannot however find the term “and has two parallel sides;” in claims 1-3 and the already canceled claim 17.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 according to 35 USC 103, asserting that claims 1-3 are obvious over Hu, and has rejected claim 3 according to 35 USC 103, asserting that claim 3 is obvious over Hu in view of Huang. For the following reasons, the applicant respectfully traverses this rejection by the Examiner. The applicant does, however, wish to extend appreciation to the Examiner for the detailed review of the disclosure leading to the finding of the patentable subject matter and an indication of the allowability of claim 1 if amended.

According to Hu, the guiding plate 34 cannot retain the teeth 23, the pawls 31 and 32 and the spring 33 in the pivot seat 12. The C-shaped ring 221 is fit in the groove 22 so as to retain the teeth 23 in the pivotal seat 12. The C-shaped ring 350 is fit in the groove 24 so as to keep the

cover 35 on the barrel 20. The cover 35 retains the pawls 31 and 32 and the spring 33 in the pivotal seat 12 through the guiding plate 34.

According to Huang, the dust plate 8 cannot retain the teeth 3 in the blocks 4 and 5 and the springs 41 and 51 in the barrel 11. The snap ring 23 is fit in the groove 21 against the O-ring so as to retain the ring 7 on the socket 2. The ring 7 retains the blocks 4 and 5 and the springs 41 and 51 in the barrel 11 through the washer 73 and the dust cover 8.

The applicant has amended claim 1. According to amended claim 1, a screwdriver includes a body, a ratchet wheel, two pawl members, two elastic members, a cover, and a catch plate. The body includes a first end formed with a receiving hole, a plurality of receiving recesses communicating with the receiving hole **and a positioning slit in communication with the receiving recesses**. The ratchet wheel is mounted on the body and has an outer wall formed with an annular toothed portion located in the receiving hole of the body. Each of the pawl members is located in a respective one of the receiving recesses and has a first face formed with a toothed portion engaged with the toothed portion of the ratchet wheel. Each of the pawl members includes an end formed with a driven block. Each of the elastic members is urged between a side face of a respective one of the receiving recesses of the body and a respective one of the pawl members. The cover is rotationally mounted on the body and includes a closed end formed with a depression formed with a protruding urging block having two urging sides each of which is movable with the cover to press the driven block of a respective one of the pawl members. The catch plate includes a **portion** fit in the positioning slit of the body, **another portion** located in

the receiving hole and **two other portions** located in the receiving recesses to retain the toothed portion of the ratchet wheel, the pawl members and the elastic members in the body.

According to amended claim 1, the catch plate alone can retain the toothed portion 21, the pawls 30 and the springs 40 in the body 10. To this end, the catch plate includes **a portion** fit in the positioning slit of the body, **another portion** located in the receiving hole and **two other portions** located in the receiving recesses to retain the toothed portion of the ratchet wheel, the pawl members and the elastic members in the body.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter recognized by the Examiner to be patentable and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 2 and 3 are believed to be patentable for depending on amended claim 1 that is believed to be allowable.

Since claims 1-3 of the present application as amended and originally filed include limitations directed to the features of the applicant's ratchet type screwdriver which are neither shown, described, taught, nor alluded to in the cited references, alone or in combination, as indicated by the Examiner, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow the pending claims of the present application and to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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